

Craighead County Ordinance No. 2023-_____

An Appropriation Ordinance for additional qualifying Full-Time Law Enforcement Officer Salary Stipends in Accordance with Act 224 Of The 2022 Fiscal Session of The Arkansas Legislature; And to Amend the Annual Operating Budget for Craighead County, Arkansas for Calendar Year 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Craighead County.

Article 1: WHEREAS, Act 224 of the 2022 Fiscal Session of the Arkansas Legislature appropriated funds for Law Enforcement Stipend Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Article 2: WHEREAS, Act 224 authorizes the payment of a \$5,000.00 stipend to each eligible full-time law enforcement officer as defined in the Act; acknowledged by the Craighead County Sheriff; acknowledged by each eligible officer; and verified by the Division of Law Enforcement Standards and Training; and the State of Arkansas will send Craighead County for all additional qualifying law enforcement stipends and the employer's share of FICA and Medicare taxes.

Article 3: WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Quorum Court of Craighead County, Arkansas, to appropriate the necessary funding to provide the additional qualifying full-time law enforcement officers, as defined in Act 224, a one-time stipend payment of \$5,000.00 less all appropriate employee deductions. Said stipends shall not be incorporated into the base pay of an employee for future salary adjustments.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Quorum Court of Craighead County, Arkansas, that: Ordinance No. 2022-33, the 2023 County Budget Ordinance is hereby amended, and the sum of \$18,445.50 is hereby appropriated from *Fund 1000 County General* to the following department and line items in the amounts and in the manner set forth below.

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 0400 Sheriff | Line 1005 Premium Compensation (3) | \$ 15,000.00 |
| 0400 Sheriff | Line 1006 Social Security Matching | \$ 1,147.50 |
| 0400 Sheriff | Line 1007 Retirement | \$ 2,298.00 |
| | Total | \$ <u>18,445.50</u> |

This amendment increases the amount appropriated for the Sheriff's Department budget by \$18,445.50 making the total 2023 County Sheriff's budget \$4,602,151.24.

Article 4: It is the intent of the Craighead County Quorum Court that the appropriations contained herein are to be used only for stipend pay for any additional qualifying full-time law enforcement officers and associated payroll expenses. This ordinance is only an amendment to the 2023 county operating budget established by Craighead County Ordinance No. 2022-33 and other amendments thereto. All other appropriations and policy statements of Ordinance No. 2022-33 shall remain in full force.

It is also the intent of this Court that the County Treasurer amend the County General revenue projection to include the grant funding received from the State of Arkansas for the aforementioned stipends and that this funding may be appropriated at the 100% level as allowed for state grants pursuant to § 14-20-103(b)(1).

Article 5: Under the general laws of the State of Arkansas, specifically § 14-14-907(d)(e)(f), appropriation ordinances are enacted without separate readings upon a two-thirds vote of the Quorum Court and shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

DATED: January _____, 2023

APPROVED:

Marvin Day, County Judge

ATTEST:

Mary Dawn Marshall, County Clerk

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